

Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow; fresh southerly winds, becoming westerly.

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## FEUDISTS MAKE ATTACK ON JAIL

Armed Mountaineers Advance on Troops Guarding Alleged Murderer of Attorney Marcum in Gray Dawn.

### PICKETS DRIVEN IN

Assaulting Party Finally Repulsed After Heavy Firing. Ordered to Shoot Prisoners, if Necessary.

JACKSON, Ky., May 28.—A well-planned and desperate attack on the Jackson jail was made in the early hours this morning.

Hundreds of shots were fired by the attacking party and the troops, and it is believed that several of the former were wounded. The troops were well handled and are in a position to repulse any further attack.

### Will Call More Troops.

More troops will be called for at once, as the desperate character of the effort to be made to save Jett is now apparent for the first time. Nothing was further from the thought of the officers in charge of the troops than an attack on the jail. It was thought that the arrival of the Hotchkiss gun, which came yesterday, would overcome any of the feudists who might think of making an attempt to rescue Curt Jett and Tom White.

Colonel Williams was warned, however, that an attack might be made, and he took precautions. A detail of troops was placed in the jail, while pickets guarded the four corners of the square. The first part of the evening was quiet, and was marked only by the presence of an unusual number of mountaineers in town.

### Officers Reassured.

Judge Hargis and his brother, Senator Hargis, assured the officers in charge that so far as they knew there was no reason to fear any trouble of any kind, and they were reassured. Shortly after midnight, however, the pickets on the square on which the jail stands noticed that a number of mountaineers were approaching east of the soldiers who were on duty. They were ordered to halt, but the feudists advanced.

The order to halt was repeated by the soldiers, but the feudists continued to advance in the face of repeated orders. The soldiers began to retreat toward the jail, repeating their orders to the advancing party to halt. The latter made a rush at the soldiers, who fired directly at the men and then turned and rushed for the jail.

### Comrades Alert.

Their comrades within that structure were on the alert, and the doors were quickly opened and as quickly shut after the soldiers were taken in. When the jail was reached by all the soldiers, guards were posted at every window.

A double detail was placed in the cells occupied by Curt Jett and Tom White, with instructions not to permit the escape of the prisoners at any cost, and, if need be, to shoot and wound them so seriously that they could not escape.

In the course of the night a constant fusillade was kept up by the feudists outside the jail, and an apparent effort was made to frighten the soldiers into abandoning the structure. They did not do so, however, but replied shot for shot.

After a time, however, the soldiers partially ceased firing, and only replied when a particularly annoying volley was delivered by the attacking party.

### THE WEATHER REPORT.

There have been numerous showers and thunderstorms in the lake region, Ohio Valley, and the Middle Atlantic States, except eastern New York, also in the southwest, and at a few scattered points in the plateau region. The temperature has fallen in the lake region and upper Ohio Valley; it has risen in the St. Lawrence Valley and New England, also over the eastern and southern slopes.

Showers will continue tonight in the eastern portion of the Middle Atlantic States, and local rains are probable tomorrow in the lower Ohio Valley, and the western portion of the lower lake region.

TEMPERATURE.  
9 a. m. .... 71  
12 m. .... 78  
1 p. m. .... 80

THE SUN.  
Sun sets today ..... 7:27 p. m.  
Sun rises tomorrow ..... 4:28 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.  
High tide today ..... 3:30 p. m.  
High tide tomorrow 3:38 a. m., 4:23 p. m.  
Low tide tomorrow 9:41 a. m., 10:10 p. m.

## GOULD TO CONTROL BALTIMORE & OHIO

Reports That He Has Acquired Majority of Stock.

### POLITICS IN BACKGROUND

Gorman's and Quay's Fine Italian Hands Said to Be Discernible in the Deal.

What appeared to be well founded reports were in circulation in railroad circles this morning that the Pennsylvania system had lost control of the Baltimore and Ohio, and that the Gould interests had managed to buy enough of the latter stock to grasp the control lost by the Keystone lines.

The report could not be verified, but all of the local men spoken to were of the opinion that it had happened, or that it could happen at any time. The Goulds have long wanted the Baltimore and Ohio, and years ago Jay Gould was watched day and night by the Garretts. It was said at one time that Gould had offered as high as \$125 a share for the stock.

But that was before former President John K. Cowan, of the Baltimore and Ohio, and Senator Gorman got into the fight which resulted in Gorman losing the election for Senator, and finally Mr. Cowan having to give up the presidency of the road.

### Gorman Got Even.

Those who are familiar with the fight said this morning that Cowan defeated Gorman, and that in turn Gorman defeated Cowan and gave the control of the Baltimore and Ohio to the Pennsylvania system through the sale of the stock owned by Maryland.

Prior to this deal the Baltimore and Ohio had obtained control of the Reading lines, and naturally when the Pennsylvania was given the control of the Baltimore and Ohio it also got the Reading and a monopoly. And it is said the Pennsylvania has been using the people so harshly that now they are more than glad to welcome the Gould system into the State. Some of the stockholders of the Baltimore and Ohio, if the reports are true, evidently went to the aid of the Goulds, and made it possible for them to get the securities needed. It is said some of these came from Philadelphia, where the citizens are now making many complaints of the way the Pennsylvania road is treating the city.

### Philadelphia Enraged.

One of the loudest of these is that the railroad is making a side station out of the city, nearly all of the fine trains from Washington to New York passing through there without stopping. The newspapers have taken the matter up, and the whole eastern portion of the State is aroused.

That a deal of some kind was "pulled off" last week is evidenced by the erratic movements of the stock. It went up and then down, and then rose again, but finally stopped at 87, a loss of 20 or more points in a few weeks. Large blocks were sold.

In connection with the reports was the rumor that Gorman is no longer friendly to the Baltimore and Ohio, and that he is at odds with the Pennsylvania, which would account for George Gould getting the Western Maryland line, though the Pennsylvania, through the Reading, bid more money for it than Gould paid.

### Quay's Long Memory.

Mr. Gould has been in possession of some tremendously powerful political influence, both in Maryland and Pennsylvania, as the comparatively easy manner in which he has overcome all obstacles placed in his way by the political friends of the Pennsylvania shows. Some say this power is that wielded by Quay and Gorman.

The railroad was not at all friendly to Senator Quay in his last hard fight, and it is known Senator Quay has a long memory. Beyond the rumor and the speculation concerning it, there was nothing in the city in the way of news of the fight today. If the rumor is correct, it is certain, big, rich, and powerful as it is, the Pennsylvania Railroad has the fight of its life on its hands.

## TWO THOUSAND KILLED IN AN EARTHQUAKE

Armenian Town Destroyed and Neighboring Villages Shaken.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 28.—The town of Malazgirt, Armenia, has been destroyed by an earthquake and 2,000 persons were killed, including 700 Armenians and 400 soldiers in the garrison. A number of houses in neighboring villages collapsed.

Hundreds of cattle were killed.

The shock was felt in Constantinople, but no damage was done.

### MANY CHILDREN PERISH.

BERLIN, May 28.—A dispatch from Posen to the "Tageblatt" reports that a ferryboat capsized in the river Warta, near Dembro today, and that the ferryman and twenty children were drowned.

## POSTAL INVESTIGATION PRODUCTIVE OF THREE SENSATIONAL ARRESTS

### SCANDAL SPREADS AS INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

The magnitude of the work of investigation done in the past three months is graphically shown by a recapitulation of the results thus far achieved:

GEORGE W. BEAVERS—Chief of the Division of Salaries and Allowances; resigned.

JAMES N. TYNER—Assistant Attorney General for the Department; summarily dismissed.

GEORGE A. C. CHRISTIANCY—Assistant Attorney; suspended from duty.

DANIEL V. MILLER—Assistant Attorney; dismissed and arrested on charges of bribery in connection with the get-rich-quick concern of John J. Ryan & Co.

JOSEPH M. JOHNS—Rockville, Ind.; arrested on charges of conspiracy in the above case.

AUGUST W. MACHEN—Superintendent of Free Delivery; dismissed and arrested on charges of bribery, in connection with a patent mail box fastener supplied to the Government by Groff Brothers, of Washington.

DILLER B. GROFF—Real Estate Agent, arrested on charges of offering bribes in the above case.

SAMUEL A. GROFF—Arrested on similar charges; member of Washington Police Department; suspended from duty.

### SAILORS' HEIRS MUST PAY TO GET PROPERTY

Comptroller Rules No Fund Available for Forwarding.

### SECRETARY ASKED DECISION

Goods Will Be Sent to Persons Entitled to Them on Payment of Cost of Transportation.

Effects of dead seamen will not be transported to the homes of the seamen's heirs at the expense of the Government. Comptroller of the Treasury Tracewell has ruled that there is no public fund that can be used for that purpose.

The question was raised by the Secretary of the Navy, owing to the accumulation of effects which have been turned over to the Navy Department by the officers of war vessels on which the owners of the property had served. The Secretary said in his request for a decision that some of the property was of great value.

Comptroller Tracewell decided that it would be proper to send notice to the heirs of the deceased that the property was held by the Navy Department subject to the orders of the heirs. The goods will be forwarded to the persons entitled to them upon payment of the necessary costs.

The decision, while relating only to seamen, it is thought to be the rule that will be followed regarding the disposal of property of deceased soldiers.

### TO ADJUST CLAIMS AGAINST VENEZUELA

Members of Mixed Tribunal Have Been Appointed.

Senor Pulido, the Venezuelan charge d'affaires, has received from Caracas notification of the appointment of Venezuelan members of the mixed tribunal, which will adjust the claims of foreigners against that republic.

There are four of these commissioners, only one of whom will be a member of any one board. The creditor nations will appoint the second member of the particular board to discuss their international claims, and an umpire will complete the party. Those named by Venezuela are:

Dr. Jose de Jesus Pa-ul, of the board to consider the claims of the United States; also for claims of France.

Dr. Jose Vicente Iribarren, for claims of Mexico, also Holland.

Dr. F. A. Guzman Alfaro, for claims of Sweden, also Spain.

Pedro V. Aspurua, for claims of Belgium.

The commissioners named to represent the creditor nations have been officially announced as follows:

United States, W. C. Bainbridge; Spain, Senor Riano, first secretary Spanish legation in Washington; Belgium, F. J. S. Goffart, charge d'affaires of that country at Caracas; Germany, Herr Goatsch, imperial vice consul at Caracas; Mexico, Fernando Duret; the Netherlands, M. Ruhl; Italy, Signor Ologui.

The list of umpires is not yet complete. The Spanish claims tribunal will have as its third member, Senor Don Luis Gutierrez Otero. The Mexican board will be completed by Senor Gaytau de Ayala, who is, however, a Spaniard by birth.

### CHANGES IN TUNNEL TO UNION STATION

Double Track Instead of Two Single Subways.

### EXCESSIVE COST THE CAUSE

Commissioner Biddle Says Change Is More a Matter of Detail Than Anything Else.

Col. John Biddle, the Engineer Commissioner of the District, today received from William H. Brown, chief engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, a new set of plans for the tunnel under First Street and Virginia Avenue, to serve as an approach to the proposed Union Station. In a letter to the Commissioner, Mr. Brown explains the reasons for the change in plans, and asks the board to affix signatures and return to his office. With the tracings are copies of specifications and contracts for the work.

The change in plan affects the form of the tunnel. Instead of two single-track tunnels side by side, with division wall between, the new plan contemplates a single double-track tunnel, of sufficient capacity to carry the traffic of the roads entering it.

### Double Tunnel Too Costly.

Engineer Brown explains that when the bids were received for the double tunnel, the cost was so much in excess of the company's estimate therefor that it became necessary to devise means to cheapen the construction. This was done by eliminating the central wall and the construction of a single tunnel, instead of the twin tunnels, as at first proposed. The company now asks approval of the change.

Commissioner Biddle laid the plans before Mr. West today, and they were carefully studied. The two Commissioners decided there was no objection to their approval, but final action on the plans may be delayed until the return of Commissioner Macfarland from Mohonk Lake, N. Y., next Wednesday.

Commissioner Biddle, speaking of the effect of the change, said it was more in the nature of detail than anything else. He said the larger tunnel would be as practicable as the two smaller ones, and in his opinion would cause no surface disturbances in First Street along the line of construction.

### No Jar to Houses.

The cut to be made is through a high hill of soil, and little or no solid rock will be encountered. He thought no jar or trembling would be noticeable in any of the houses on First Street after the tunnel was in operation.

As proof of this view, Commissioner Biddle cited the various cities where such tunnels are in operation. In Baltimore the Howard Street tunnel has given no trouble, except what was experienced when it was in process of construction. In other cities, he said, the tunnels buried deeply in the earth, with their solid walls, are never heard from, though some of them carry many fast-moving trains.

### SEVEN YEARS FOR ANARCHIST SUAREZ

MADRID, May 28.—The anarchist, Suarez, in whose house seven dynamite cartridges were found in 1902, to be used in an attempt on King Alfonso's life, while the latter was returning from the Cortes, after the coronation ceremonies, has been sentenced by the supreme court to serve seven years in prison.

## Superintendent Machen and His Alleged Confederates Taken Into Custody and Released on Bail for a Hearing.

### DEPARTMENT AROUSED BY THE COMING OF GEORGE W. BEAVERS

### OIL WAR ON MOSQUITO FAVORED BY DR. WYMAN

Disagrees With Views of Health Officer.

### NO DOUBT OF ITS EFFICACY

Results of Crusade Against Disease-Disseminating Pest at Fort Myer.

Dr. Walter Wyman, Surgeon General of the Marine Hospital Service, returned to Washington last Friday evening from Boston, where he has been attending the conference of the United States Army Surgeons' Association.

"While the Marine Hospital Service has not made any offer of assistance," said Dr. Wyman to a Times man yesterday, "still we stand ready to assist the District government should Dr. Woodward decide to undertake the proposed war of extermination against the mosquito."

### Dr. Woodward's Opinion.

Dr. Woodward, Health Officer of the District, when interviewed last week, declared that the covering of pools and stagnant and running water with a coating of oil would not have any appreciable effect either on the malaria or the mosquito. "Besides, there is no appropriation available at present for such a purpose," said Dr. Woodward, "and I believe the Commissioners and Congress are equally opposed to providing any." Evidently Dr. Wyman does not agree with the Health Officer. "Experiments in Southern Italy and New Orleans," said Dr. Wyman, "have shown beyond the least doubt that the mosquito is a pest-bearer, carrying malaria, malarial diseases, and even yellow fever from patient to patient. They also show that it is possible to kill the larvae of the insect by means of the oil process. At Long Island Sound, to come nearer home, the tests instituted present the identical result. I believe the use of oil on the streams would do an immense amount of good in destroying the mosquito and keeping down malaria."

### Results at Fort Myer.

Major James D. Gleason, U. S. A., in charge of the hospital corps at Fort Myer, has been using oil in this way for some time past, and parties are sent out daily to inspect the larvae on the water about the post.

In 1898 Fort Myer was declared the worst post in the service, as far as malaria was concerned. Officers and men alike regretted the order which sent them there. Of late, however, under the vigorous and intelligent efforts of the Hospital Corps, the station is fast losing its unpleasant reputation.

### VICOMTE DE CHAMBRUN AGAIN CHANGES HIS PLANS

New French Attache Further Postpones Diplomatic Duties.

Vicomte de Chambrun, the young Frenchman recently accredited as attache on the staff of the French embassy here, has again delayed his departure from Paris. Recent advice received here announced that he would sail from Havre next Saturday on the Savoie, but word has now come that this does not now prove convenient.

It is expected that the vicomte will arrange to take another steamer a week from next Saturday. His appointment was announced last winter, and he has been expected periodically since then, but his coming has always been postponed.

### NEW GERMAN CABLE COMPLETED THIS YEAR

Consul Winter at Annaberg reports to the State Department that the new German-American cable between Emden and New York will probably be completed by the end of the present year. Emden is the new German port which has the advantage of lying nearest to New York. The enterprise will tend to lessen cable rates and will be a step toward the plan of making Germany independent of the foreign cables.

### Postmaster General Forecasts Further Action---Investigation May Be Near an End---Mr. Payne's Statement.

Following the arrest of A. W. Machen, formerly superintendent of the division of free delivery of the Postoffice Department, which was first published in yesterday afternoon's Times, the police yesterday afternoon arrested Diller B. Groff and Samuel A. Groff on the charge of having offered the bribes to Mr. Machen.

This arrest was followed by the suspension from the police force of Samuel A. Groff, the inventor of the mail box device involved in the charges, pending the disposition of his case. Both Samuel A. Groff and Diller B. Groff obtained bond and were released overnight. The latter appeared for a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Anson S. Taylor this morning, and by arrangements with Hugh T. Taggart, Assistant District Attorney, renewed his bond to appear again June 10. A corresponding postponement in the case of Samuel A. Groff is expected to be made tomorrow.

After Mr. Machen's arrest he went to his home and practically denied himself to all callers except intimate friends. He made no statements to newspaper men. He seemed much gratified that yesterday afternoon several tenders of bail were made by his friends. He was, however, manifestly disturbed and his hearing lacked entirely the bravado which has characterized him through the earlier phases of this investigation.

### Excitement in the Department.

An air of subdued excitement pervaded the Postoffice Department this morning. There was a tendency to talk in whispers, and worried looks were plentiful. The arrest of Mr. Machen yesterday on the charge of accepting bribes from Diller B. Groff and Samuel A. Groff, followed by the arrest of the Groffs for giving bribes, was such a startling series of events that the entire department was upset.

Now that Miller and Machen have been arrested, Judge Tyner has been dismissed, and George A. C. Christiancy has been suspended, the whole office force is speculating as to further developments.

This speculation was given direction by the discovery that George W. Beavers, formerly superintendent of the division of salaries and allowances, was seen in Washington. It was said that he has aged considerably since his resignation, has lost fifteen or twenty pounds of flesh, and has a worried look.

Probing Machen's Political Career. The inspectors are going thoroughly into Mr. Machen's political history. It is known that several other charges have assumed an ugly aspect recently, and it is not impossible he will be rearrested for dealings other than those with the Groff brothers.

When Mr. Bristow and the inspectors began to question Mr. Machen so closely yesterday about the purchase of the mail-box fasteners from the Groffs he was manifestly startled. He lost the cool self-possession which has been so wonderfully sustained for the past five months. His answers were halting and uncertain, and at times he refused to answer at all, saying that the inspectors were prying into his purely personal business.

The arrest itself was a still worse shock to him, and while he did not break down, he was much more visibly affected than was anticipated by those who have observed his unruffled appearance in the face of charge after charge.

### Investigating H. J. Barrett.

The fate of Harrison J. Barrett is another subject of speculation in the department. Mr. Barrett is the son of Judge Tyner's sister-in-law, and was formerly law clerk when Judge Tyner was Assistant Attorney General for the Postoffice Department.

When the turf investment companies and the get-rich-quick companies became involved with the postal authorities in the course of the past six or eight months Mr. Barrett was prominent as the attorney for some of them. An unfavorable condition of affairs has been revealed in Judge Tyner's office, and because of his strong influence with the office, the inspectors are making a careful examination of Mr. Barrett's actions within and without the department.

Postmaster General Payne saw the reporters today at noon, but gave out